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The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This document has been cited in an Office Action in a corresponding Chinese application. One copy of the document and an English language translation of the Chinese Office Action is attached.

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The document cited in the Chinese Office Action but not presently submitted, CN-A-1302799, is a counterpart of EP-A1-1113005, which was previously submitted to the Office with the IDS filed July 31, 2007.

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